TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





HB 1643

January 17, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the sentencing court to prohibit a defendant convicted of certain offenses against animals from owning any companion animal for at least two years from the date of conviction.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation prohibits individuals convicted of animal cruelty, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-203(a)(1)-(3), fighting or baiting; aggravated cruelty to animals or sexual activity with an animal from owning any companion animals for a period of at least two years from the date of conviction.
- The proposed legislation applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2020.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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